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Bevin & American Jewry

Newspapers Report Alleged Complaint

London, Feb. 19. The Conservative press said that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told a private Parliamentary Labour Party meeting to-day that if it had not been for the influence of American Jewry, he could have reached a "temporary solution" of the Palestine problem.

Labour sources refused to comment on this.

Both the Evening Standard and the News said that Mr. Bevin replied to the attacks of hostile Labourites on his Palestine policy by blaming United States Jewish influence.

The Standard said Mr. Bevin told a group, "If I only had to deal with British Jewry, I could have reached a temporary solution of the problem, which would have ensured tranquillity for 20 years, during which a permanent arrangement could have been made."

The News said Mr. Bevin referred to the "dangerous influence" of American Jewry. It said he hoped moderate Jews and moderate Arabs in Palestine would come together and cut the ground from under the extremists by forming a joint state on progressive lines.

The Standard said the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and six other Cabinet Ministers listened while Mr. Michael Foot (Labour) challenged Mr. Bevin to tear up the 1939 White Paper and a member of the Party's Foreign Affairs Committee asserted, "Mr. Bevin has filed his petition in political bankruptcy."

MINISTER CHARGED

It said Mr. John Paton charged that Mr. Bevin had admitted "complete and utter failure" and accused him of abdicating Britain's responsibility for operating the mandate.

Mr. Bevin was said to have pledged that Britain would accept and stand by any decision on Palestine which the United Nations finally made, even if it meant evacuation of Palestine.

Answering charges that his Palestine policy was conditioned by Arab oil considerations based on an anti-Soviet attitude, Mr. Bevin was quoted as saying:

"I want to tell this Party that the future security of this country is entirely dependent on good relations with America and I am acting on that basis in order to see that never again is 1939-41 repeated, when this country stood alone."

"I also want good relations with Soviet Russia, but it is Soviet Russia which wants to drive a wedge between us and America or America tried to work us against Russia. I am not going to play."—United Press.

New Air Service To Hongkong

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 19. The Transocean Air Lines said to-day it expects to inaugurate a non-scheduled plane service to Manila, Shanghai and Hongkong in a week or 10 days. The company said planes will fly two trips weekly with passengers and cargo. Transocean will use DC-4s and planes, three-weekly flights from Oakland to Honolulu carrying freight only, beginning February 23.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Freedom of the Press

MR Latimer, the Kowloon magistrate, this week supported freedom of the press in reporting and publishing comments made in open court. The reminder of this privilege does not come amiss. Over the years, Hongkong newspapers have become familiar with the technique of tentative suggestions in public, and tentative overtures in private, advocating restrictions of the freedom of the press. In most cases any such action would involve suppression of remarks or actions likely to embarrass, irrespective of whether publication is in the interests of the public. Those who would direct what should and should not appear in print invariably ignore the fact that newspapers and publishers are fully conscious of their responsibilities. It is generally acknowledged that a free press is a better guarantee of accurate, balanced and fearless reporting than any restrictive measures.

There is a not uncommon impression that newspapers possess unlimited licence in what they can publish. Where the press is subject to British law, this notion is erroneous. Editors and publishers are accompanied by a variety of legal restrictions and obligations. There is too, inherent in every day of the day, and he has a lively awareness of his duties, his privileges, and his responsibilities. The first function of a newspaper is to keep the public informed about events of the moment, without prejudice or favour. Any attempt to interfere with that function, whether by official control or direction, is to be regarded with distrust, and resisted.

India's Next Viceroy?



LORD MOUNTBATTEN

Big Appointment For Mountbatten Rumour

It is strongly rumoured in knowledgeable London quarters to-night that Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, former Supreme Commander of SEAC, will succeed Lord Wavell as Viceroy of India.

Official quarters declined to make any comment upon the suggestion. The Admiralty announced in November that Lord Mountbatten had been appointed Rear-Admiral commanding the First Cruiser Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet, the appointment to take effect in April this year. On January 6, he joined a senior officers' technical course at Portsmouth.

Persistent rumours and suggestions are current in London to-day to the effect that a change in the Viceroyalty of India is imminent.

STATEMENT AWAITED

Official quarters are silent on the subject but the political world is debating whether this will form one of the chief disclosures of the anxiously awaited statement of the British Government, policy which the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee and the Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick Lawrence, will make in Parliament to-morrow.

The Government statement to-morrow hinges to a large extent upon the Congress Party's recent communication to the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, that it considered the Moslem League's position in the Indian Interim Government untenable in view of the League's boycott of the Constituent Assembly.

The Cabinet has considered the Congress Party's communication together with a communication from the Moslem League, which is understood to assert the League's right to continue its participation in the Interim Government regardless of its attitude towards the Constituent Assembly, which is to create a constitution for independent India.

NO PREDICTIONS

With the Cabinet's announcement only 24 hours distant responsible observers show no inclination to predict the direction of the British Government's decision.

The announcement which Mr. Attlee will make is understood to be of considerable length and it will be made simultaneously from New Delhi.

It is almost certain that the Conservative opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, and his colleagues will question Mr. Attlee on the terms of the statement and the anxious interest of Parliament may prompt a lengthy interrogation of the Prime Minister.

The Government recognises that the House of Commons and the House of Lords may conceivably demand

INDUSTRIES IN MIDLANDS TO SWITCH ON NEXT MONDAY

Domestic Fuel Rationing Remains In Force: More Stocks Needed

London, Feb. 19. The British Government to-night issued an order for "Operation Switch On," which will on Monday restore electricity supply to the industrial heart of England, where vital export plants have been at a standstill for nearly two weeks.

The area in which the use of electricity for industry will be permitted is centred on Birmingham and stretches to Crewe, Gloucester and Peterborough.

The Prime Minister, making this announcement in the House of Commons to-day, declared that the Government would not consider the situation safe in any area until two weeks' stocks were built up in each area.

Mr. Attlee also stated that the Government was insisting talks through the Minister of Labour between employers and trade unions for staggering hours of work in the restored area, so as to spread-over the industrial load.

The areas in which the use of electricity for industry is still banned are the south-west, including London, and the north-west. Mr. Attlee said that Parliament would be notified when it was considered safe to re-start industry in those areas also. "We do not want rashness, but we do not want timidity," Mr. Attlee said.

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The Government's restoration of power to the Midlands' industries does not imply any relaxation of restrictions on the domestic use of current, which still stand at the five-hour ban daily.

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Air Liner Catches Fire

Passengers Safe

Paris, Feb. 19. An Air France Constellation airliner, carrying 17 persons, landed safely at Casablanca, North Africa, to-day after an engine caught fire soon after the plane left the Azores on a New York-Paris flight.

"All passengers aboard the plane will be provided with a special plane to carry them on to Orly airport, Paris on February 20."

Earlier the New York Coast Guard headquarters stated that the Army Air Forces in the Azores reported that an Air France Constellation plane sent out an S.O.S. at 12.10 to-day about 340 miles south-west of Lisbon.

The plane was said to have been en route from Bermuda to Casablanca.

Air France office at New York confirmed that the plane was in trouble but was unable to say how many people were on board. The United States steamer Robert Fulton and the Norwegian vessel Estrella were reported to be in the immediate vicinity.

RESCUERS ON WAY

Two rescue aircraft are en route to the scene from Legona Field in the Azores and others from Port Lyautey in French Morocco.

The Constellation, which left Bermuda at 9 p.m. on Tuesday took off from Logans Field at about 11 a.m. this morning. The plane radioed that all its cargo had been jettisoned and was circling the area where the ships Robert Fulton and Estrella were standing by.

A company spokesman said that the latest information available was that the plane had not yet come down in the sea but one of its four engines had failed.

The spokesman said the plane carried six passengers and a crew of eleven. The captain of the plane is Charles Le Chevalier of Paris. The passengers are given as Norman Renard of White Plains, New York, George Chastagner of Paris, Gladys Flori of Paris, Isaac Salze of Hercul, France, Maurice Savegurt Harnel of Troy, France and Maral, Voyer of Paris.—Reuter.

ALLEGHENY TRAIN CRASH TOLL

Altoona, Penn., Feb. 19.

The death toll in the wreck of the Pennsylvania Railway's 14-coach "Red Arrow" yesterday is now set at 25 dead—16 passengers and nine of the train's crew.

The injured total 124, many of whom are in a critical condition and expected to die.

The famous train plunged over a 100-foot embankment in the heart of the scenic Allegheny mountains.—Reuter.

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MINISTER'S WARNING

The Ministry of Fuel warned the nation that an adequate margin of safety had not yet been reached and urged citizens rigidly to observe regulations and exercise the utmost economy in the use of electricity and gas.

The Prime Minister rejected the suggestion by a Conservative Member of Parliament that he should make a special appeal to workers and employers to suspend all electricity practices and work longer hours for six months to make up for lost production. Mr. Attlee told Parliament that on full resumption of work he was confident that employers and workers could be relied on in the country's interests to take any steps necessary to make up for lost production.

Miners are being urged to make a decision about Sunday work this week-end. In the New South Wales anthracite field the big Abercrombie colliery announced that production would go on throughout Sunday.

Coal production last week in the West Midlands was 13,000 tons up on the corresponding week of last year.

The total number out of work through power cuts climbed yesterday to 2,124,000. It was officially announced that the first back at work will be over 3,000 Electric employees in Birmingham where the arrival of coal will enable the firm to reopen production to-morrow with an emergency generator.

The temperature in London at 5 p.m. is still below freezing, but four degrees up, yesterday at 30 Fahrenheit.

NO PROMISE ABOUT CUTS

The Ministry of Fuel spokesman, asked whether it could be assumed that domestic power cuts would not continue through the winter, declared: "No such assumption can be made."

Meanwhile, in the Richmond area of north Yorkshire, 800 troops were working their way through to isolated villages.

More than 10,000 British troops, Poles, and German prisoners-of-war, were engaged to-day on snow clearance and coal-shifting in the Northern Command.

Commenting on the restoration of electricity to industry in the Midlands, Sir Miles Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the National Organisation, one of Britain's largest automobile manufacturers, said: "This is good news for the motor industry, centred as it is, mainly in Midlands area." All workers, men and management, could be relied upon to restart exports of cars and trucks to earn home comforts, he added.

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Desperate Measures To Keep Warm

London, Feb. 20

Old people were burning bannisters and picture frames to keep warm in some parts of England yesterday, and the month-long cold wave that hastened the collapse of the country's fuel system continued with no forecast of an early relief.

The temperature dropped to 19 degrees below zero in some districts on Tuesday night and was below freezing generally yesterday.

London's proverbially gloomy weather broke an all-time record. For the 15th successive day the sun failed to penetrate the thick grey clouds. Seventeen days in December, 1899, was the longest previous sunless period.

Suburban Luton, following the lead of Berlin, opened the first emergency warming centre for old people, who drink as well as heat were provided from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Ice floes interrupted navigation on the river Meuse, in south Belgium. Little "midgert leebars" choked the Scheldt estuary.

Sea and off the channel coasts. On the continent, temperatures in the Paris region dropped to 19 degrees Fahrenheit, a drop of about six degrees from Tuesday's lowest, the sharpest weather of the current cold spell.

Belgian temperatures hovered around 29 degrees.

Continued bad weather in Rome kept public works project labourers, most of them engaged in clearing jobs on the banks of the Tiber, from working the required minimum of 24 hours weekly, and they called for special Government assistance.

Rising temperatures were reported in southern Italy, however, Berlin with 20 degrees of frost and snow flurry, had at least five more deaths from freezing. The city's warming halls overflowed and queues formed before many of them.

A new temperature drop in south Germany kept dozens of factories idle and sent hundreds of Germans to the wood in a desperate search for fuel. U.S. Army forecasters predicted new snowfalls and continued cold for an indefinite period.—Associated Press.

Bombs To Break Ice-Jam

Prague, Feb. 19.

United States Army planes will bomb the ice-jam at Komarno to-morrow in an effort to forestall the first spring flood in the Danubian basin.

As a slow thaw began to-day, apprehension mounted that the ice break-up may bring the worst floods in history. Ice piling up against Komarno's dam threatened to spill water into Bratislava suburb of Petralka, and endanger harbour reconstruction at Bratislava and Komarno.

Abnormally thick ice from an interrupted two-month freeze, ferried downstream by an equally abnormal drainoff from heavy snowfalls.

Transport arteries in many areas were being cleared by compulsory labour, but many highways and railroads were still blocked off by heavy drifts which accumulated during the last two weeks in constant fresh falls.

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Strike Called ON

San Francisco, Feb. 19.

The Congress of Industrial Organisations Oil Workers to-day postponed for 24 hours the strike called against the west's largest oil refineries. Union leaders and a major oil company planned a meeting aimed at settling their wage dispute.

The President of the CIO Oil Workers International Union said he had ordered the postponement at the request of Commissioner Frank Wentig of the U.S. Conciliation Service.

The Standard Oil Company and the Union will meet to-day "in one final effort to reach agreement", according to the Union.—United Press.

13th Day Of Hunger Strike

Tokyo, Feb. 19.

Thirty-nine-year-old Yoshiko Hosokawa, who entered the 13th day of a 21-day hunger strike protesting against the alleged delay in the repatriation of overseas Japanese, told the United Press to-day he was sending a letter to Emperor Hirohito, urging him to fast for one week with a view to appealing to "world opinion" for speeding up the repatriation programme.

He said the letter would be delivered to the Imperial Household Department to be conveyed to the Emperor.

Sitting at a table in a downtown Tokyo park as a large crowd looked on, Hosokawa said: "The Emperor has responsibility in speeding the repatriation of overseas Japanese, particularly soldiers who were called to the colours under the Emperor's name. I am going to urge the Emperor to fast one week because I think it will be more effective in raising public support than my fasting. The Emperor is not a strong man physically, so I cannot ask him to fast longer."

Hosokawa said a 28-year-old Japanese woman—the wife of a soldier still overseas—had offered to join his hunger strike, but "I discouraged her because it is something too much for a woman to undertake."

Hosokawa said he was still "feeling great" but had discontinued making speeches because he was "too weak" for that anymore. He expressed confidence of carrying out his 21-day hunger strike.

He revealed he had received 30,000 yen in contributions to his movement.—United Press.

UNRRA's Policies Denounced

Reactions To

China's Request

Washington, Feb. 19.

Official United States sources did not appear to take as charitable a view of the Chinese request to sell UNRRA goods as did the UNRRA Director-General, Maj Gen Lowell Rooks. Rooks contended that they would be sold in the "free market."

State and Commerce departments sources opined that his distinction was a bit naive.

An official, interviewed by the United Press, said Rooks appeared to be making a rather subtle and polite distinction.

Meanwhile Representative Charles W. Vorse of Illinois warned UNRRA officials in stinging denunciation of their policies that they would be violating the intent of Congress if they agreed to the Chinese proposal whatever they chose to call it.

UNRRA'S FUNCTIONS

Mr. Vorse, in a speech on the floor of the House, said the Congress, in appropriating funds which constitute the major portion of UNRRA's money, has never meant that UNRRA funds should be used for reconstruction but only for relief and rehabilitation.

He added that it was not UNRRA's purpose to "bribe" the Chinese dollar.

Vorse also declared that Congress should bar any further relief to countries "that have come under the influence of Russian domination." He charged that relief "poured out" to other countries has been on a wider scale than the Administration can justify to American taxpayers.

He said that "in addition to the enormous amount of aid" the United States has extended through UNRRA, it has also given aid through the Export-Import Bank to European countries and China. He said the Bank has extended lines of credit to England, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Poland, China and Czechoslovakia.

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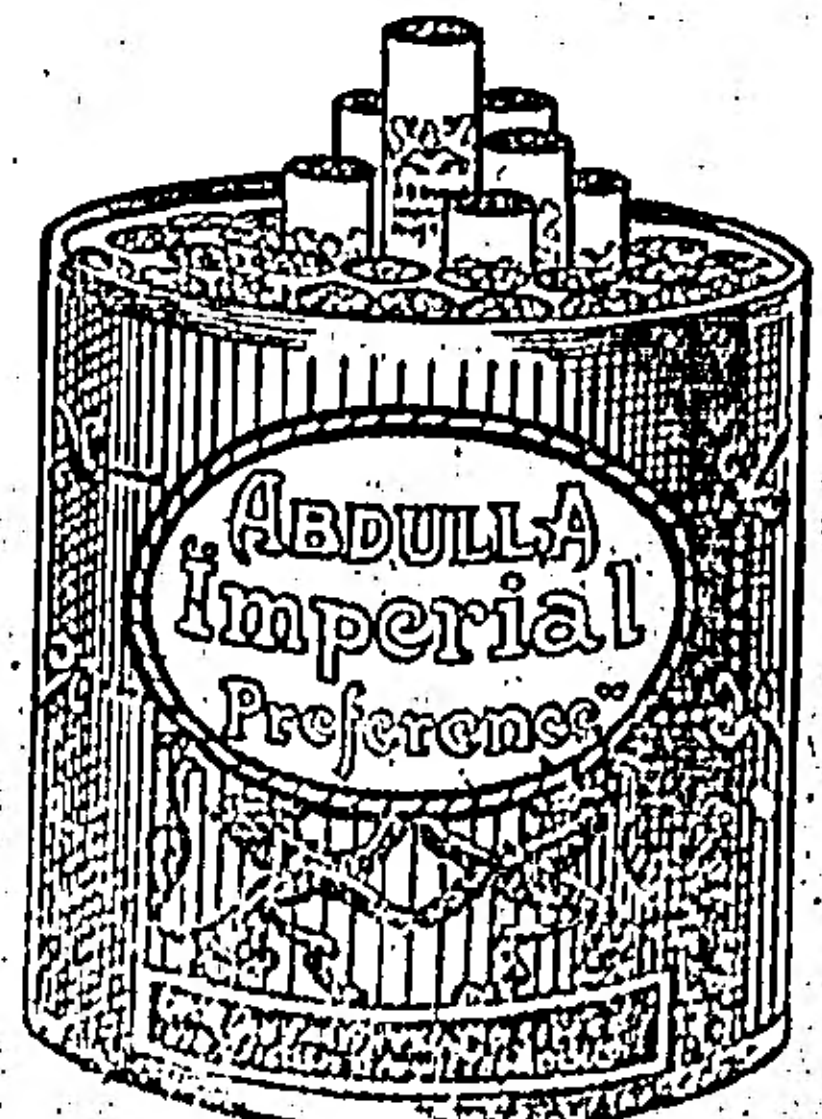
Vorse said, "I think it is obvious we have not only backed United States representatives from the financial standpoint in the worldwide picture but have backed up to a large extent the financial structure of the world at the expense of United States taxpayers."

He also cited the credit extended by the Reconstruction and the International Monetary Fund and said, "Certainly we have gone far enough to satisfy the wildest dreams of the most international minded, if they have any regard left for financial solvency of our government and for the well-being of the United States citizens and future generations."—United Press.

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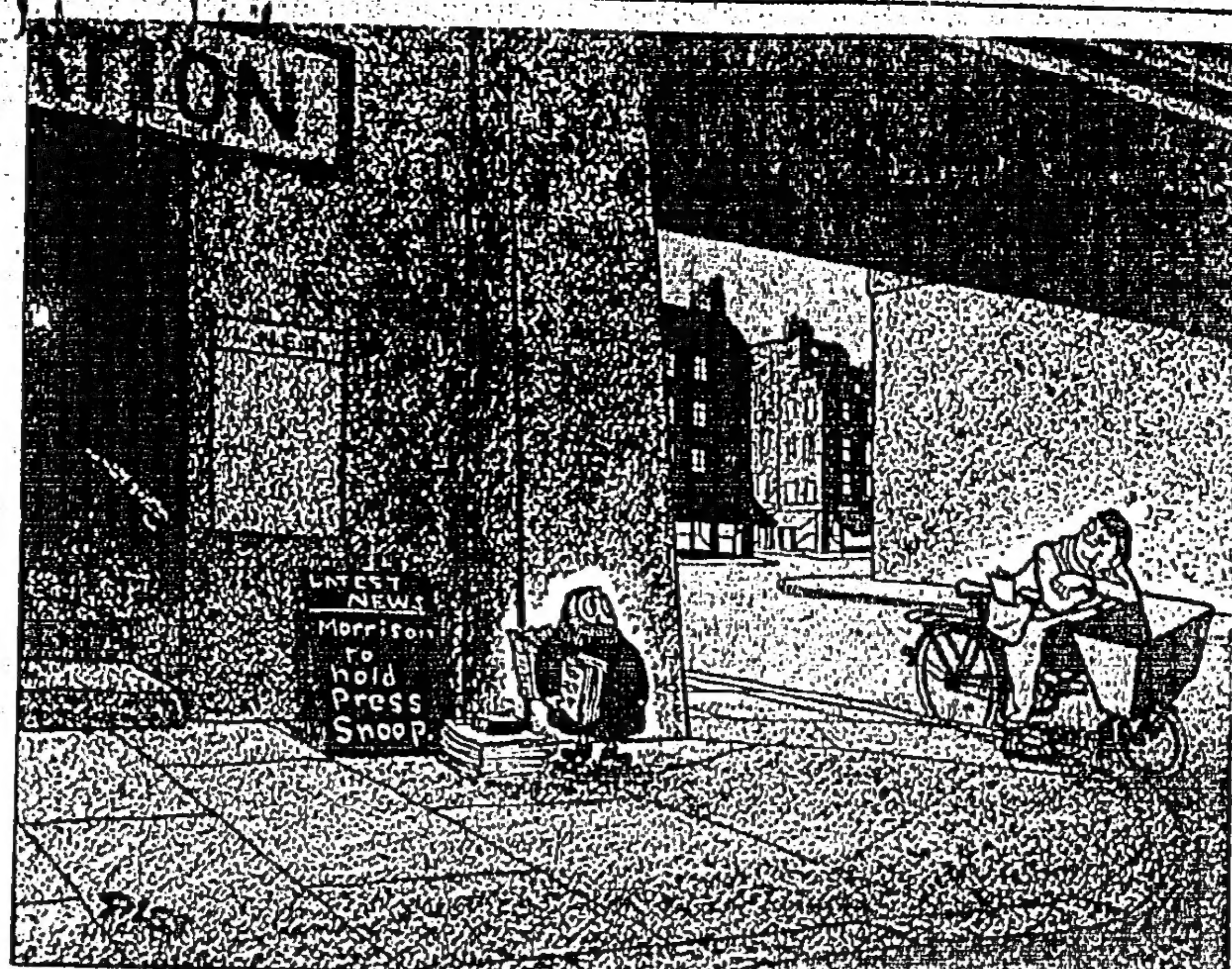
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How THE HOMELESS IN BRITAIN LIVE

MR. and Mrs. Michael McInerney and their three young sons, bombed out of their Streatham home in 1944, are living to-day in a crowded, curtained-off rest centre at Battersea, S.W.8.

They are one of the families—there are 1,350 in Greater London alone—for whom no better home can be found than official hostels and the miserable makeshifts we accepted as part of the blitz.

Perhaps you thought that rest centres disappeared with the end of blackout and the tearing down of street air raid shelters. They were certainly meant to. Many districts did, in fact, get their centres closed before the drift back to London, and the demobilisation of thousands of Servicemen, rocketed the problem of homeless families higher than it had ever been in the worst days of the war.

Other districts, slower at finding accommodation for their blitzed population, were caught up in the aftermath. They have had to cope with evictions made on possession orders and on the grounds of overcrowding.

But while the whole country suffers from the housing shortage, the Ministry of Health says that practically no rest centres remain outside London.

What we do know is this: In September last year there were 911 families in Greater London who would have been thrown on the streets or into institutions if stop-gap accommodation had not been provided. In December the number had risen to 1,312. And on January 4 this year the total was 1,350 families.

Of the 1,350 families, more than 300 are now in rest centres and more than 1,000 in requisitioned properties which some councils call hostels and some half-way houses.

How are they living in the rest centres? Let us go back to the prisoner-of-war Michael McInerney, his wife Ellen, and their boys, Brian, Michael, Alan.

The school in Battersea Park-road—which can house anything up to 150 people—is run with regimental precision. The superintendent is an ex-Army captain. It is warm, clean and as comfortable as a hotel. The food is plentiful and well cooked.

THE McInerneys have no privacy. Each family is given a curtained-off cubicle, varying in size with the number of people in the family unit. Only the sketchiest family possessions can be kept.

Each person has a camp bed and bedding with cots for the babies. The tenants also get an issue of cutlery, kept in a mug in the cubicle. If a fork or knife is lost it is its owner's responsibility to replace it. Meals are eaten communally, and there is a 24-hour service to provide for shift workers.

As bathing and sanitary facilities are those of an ordinary elementary school, the men find washing and shaving difficult in wash-basins suitable for children of nine or ten years. A separate bathroom has been set aside for the babies, who are washed in zinc baths set on tubs.

Poor as the accommodation is, almost every one of the people there will tell you they are happy and thankful to have a roof over their heads. Most of them have been there three or four months, and most are from districts outside Battersea. One family is to be rehoused by Streatham, others by Islington Finsbury and Deptford.

By ANNE COUPAR

Into this refuge, also drift sometimes the human floss and jettison which, pre-war, would have normally gone to the poorhouse.

There is another type of L.C.C. rest centre which is one stage better. It is usually a house or group of houses adapted for hostel purposes. An example is at St. George's-square, Westminster. Here, three tall houses with pillared porticoes have been made into one large house, where each family has a bedroom of its own. Where a family is large, it has two bedrooms.

Here again meals are eaten in a common dining room. There is better provision—and a rota for bathing. All doors are padlocked when the owner is absent, and this gives a greater sense of privacy.

Changes at the rest centres are extremely reasonable—say, a day per adult, with graduated charges for children. For this sum residents have full board and lodging, light, heat—some have coal fires—some radiators—and hot water.

THE remainder of the 1,350 families are in the best of the three. These are called Half-way Houses. It may be coincidence, but the authorities showing the best results in half-way houses are those where a woman house-manager or rehousing manager is in charge.

To show what can be done in an ordinary working-class district and in a middle-class residential area, here is what I found in two types at Fulham and Malden in Surrey.

FULHAM: Two three-floor terrace-type houses have been made into one unit. Each family is given a bedroom (and extra bedroom if the family is large).

Each family provides its own meals, cooking them in the basement kitchens, where two stoves have to be shared amicably between the tenants. The meals are then carried to the family's room and eaten there.

Washing-up is done in the kitchen, and kitchen towels, as well as crockery and cooking utensils, are provided by the council.

In its room, each family has a bed or cot and bedding provided for every member. A food cupboard, table and chairs. Carpets, rugs, chairs, radio, ornaments and so on can be added by tenants from their own household goods.

Each family is responsible for keeping its own room clean, and for cleaning the bathroom or kitchen after use. Passages and stairs are cleaned daily by a cleaner from the council offices.

For this accommodation adults pay 6s. per week. 3s. for children, and this charge includes heating and light, and laundering of bed linen.

MAIDEN: In a half-way house each family has its own bedroom or bedrooms, with its own furniture entirely. Two large downstairs rooms are used as dining rooms. Each family having its own dining room furniture. In the large kitchen, every family has its own cooking stove and its own sink.

THIS is the nearest thing I have yet seen to a home of one's own.

Tenants in Maiden's half-way houses pay inclusive rents of from 15s. upwards a week, according to the accommodation offered. This includes electric light, and, in some cases, a certain amount of central heating.

It shows what can be done—and it makes indefensible in 1947 the dreary blitz model rest centres in which courage and cheerfulness alone make life possible.

According To Culbertson

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North-South got themselves into a grand slam contract in to-day's deal only because North forgot the proper responses to the Blackwood Convention, but his error was slight indeed compared to South's, in the play.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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Women BEAUTY ARTS

This Space Every Day
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds

Take a good look at your eyes. Pretty enough? No? Then read what Lois Leeds says.

EYE BEAUTY

Care. The beauty of the eyes may be cultivated and enhanced by healthy, cleanliness and cosmetics. Sleep, rest and an eye bath each and every day, will do much for the health of your eyes. Always bathe your eyes with a good eye lotion or a solution of boracic acid. Always use an eye cup and, do, by the way, keep it sterile with hot water.

Eye pads are grand for relaxing and resting tired eyes. I believe that pads soaked in warm water or milk are the most soothing. If you can take time out for a few minutes, cleanse your face and throat, wash your eyes, smooth on some eye cream and over this apply a compress or eye pads.

To lighten dark circles around the eyes, use a little makeup cream in a lighter tone than the one that you use for the entire face. Work it in smoothly, blend and powder. Use eyeshadow on the lids to detract from the dark circles.

Exercise. Exercises for the eyes are so easy to do that you may do them at any time in the day. For the business woman, one minute while sitting at your desk or typewriter. One minute while washing the dishes or using the vacuum cleaner.

Rolling your eyes in excellent for strengthening the eye muscles. Look straight ahead. Now lower and

raise upper lids ten times. Close the eyes and count ten, then do it again. Now try this one. Hold the head rigid, look straight ahead. Turn eyeballs to left as far as possible, then to right. Repeat five times. Close the eyes and count slowly to 10. These exercises will help and your eyes will feel rested.

Quiet Distinction



Mrs. Katy Monk, who runs a dress shop in Hove, dresses with discretion in colour and details to avoid a loud effect. The black lamb jacket slipped over a black wool frock guards against chilly. Her bag and shoes are of very good quality, and kept that way with polish. And her hat, an acid-yellow felt swept with black, white and yellow feathers, adds colourful accent to quiet distinction.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



A famous Hollywood makeup man says that every woman needs three lipsticks. One for Type, one for Fashion and one for Evening. And why not? Lights change and you wear different costume colors.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You'd better speak to Johnny—he can imitate his sister's voice perfectly, and he's got one of her boy friends on the phone now."

ATOM BOMB BIRTHPLACE NOW PERMANENT CENTRE

Los Alamos, in New Mexico, birthplace of America's atomic bomb, is to-day the scene of great building activity, says Associated Press.

In the words of the commanding officer of the United States Army's testing post, Los Alamos is being made into "an installation dedicated to continued atomic research" and "a permanent community for long-time occupancy."

Temporary buildings erected during the war are being replaced with attractive permanent homes and other structures. Los Alamos housewives, plagued by dust in summer and by mud in winter, welcome the paving of streets, laying of sidewalks and planting of grass.

Residents of the atomic city were poorly housed during the war—in army barracks, motor vehicle trailer camps and sub-standard dwellings.

More than 350 new homes now are being built in the valleys and mesas, high in the Jemez mountains. Most are low houses built of concrete blocks. Some are prefabricated dwellings of steel. Construction is under way or plans are made to have modern school buildings, a church, stores and a theatre.

Gas For Cooking

Installation of new electric generators will increase the project's power plant to 7,000 kilowatts, and an eight-inch natural gas pipeline is being installed, the gas to be used for cooking and heating purposes. Local gas will reduce the traffic load required to haul coal up to this 7,400-foot elevation.

Deep wells have been drilled along the nearby Rio Grande River, and a 14-inch water main, with a capacity of more than 1,000,000 gallons a day, has been installed. A modern sewage system with complete disposal equipment also is being completed.

During the war years, Los Alamos scientists, physicists, technicians and workmen had little opportunity to relax and rest, but now a golf course, country club and horse stables are being added to the fine fishing and hunting facilities provided by the surrounding mountains.

LAW CRACKS DOWN ON IN-LAWS

Red with fury, Judge Dunne, Acting Chief Justice of the Chicago circuit court, recently declared war on interfering in-laws and threatened jail for those who interfered in his divorce cases.

The judge was hearing evidence from Raymond Nimmer, 27, whose wife was divorcing him, when Nimmer produced business records to show what he could pay his wife.

Nimmer said: "Judge, please talk with me and my wife before you make any order. I have had constant interference from my mother-in-law."

Judge Dunne got to his feet, explosively pounded the bench, and bellowed: "I am sick and tired of this mother-in-law interference. I want the public to know that I will send to jail any in-laws who interfere in cases before me."

He told the couple to leave a private chat with him later.

Uses For Bomb Rubble

Germans are rebuilding their homes from their salvaged war-smashed rubble in Wuertemberg-Baden, a Military Government report said.

A growing source of building material is the crumbled debris of destroyed buildings. Crushing the rubble and separating it from twisted metal, German workmen mix it with cement to make concrete's bricks, tiles, hollow block stones and ceiling beams.

One Stuttgart plant alone produces 40,000 roofing tiles, 100,000 bricks, 3,000 hollow block stones and 300 metres of ceiling beams each month from the rubble.—Associated Press.

SHARK TRAPPED BY LEG BAIT

An artificial leg was used in Victoria, Australia, recently to trap a 15-foot white shark. The shark had been swimming up and down outside the women's swimming baths. It was caught when a piece of pork bait fashioned to look like a woman's leg was put into the water.

There is no record of these sharks even having attacked a human being, and the zoologist gave no reason for using the strangely shaped bait.

Examination of the stomachs of this and other sharks have shown them to have eaten a large Newfoundland dog, a bulldog, part of a horse, a pig, several sheep, a piece of sacking, a ship's scrapper and some whalebone.—Associated Press.

DESERT WASTE SCENE OF BIG OPAL STRIKE

Cooper Pedy, in Australia's wastelands, looks like just another place in the desert except for a scattering of shacks and tents. But it is the home of some very wealthy men, men who are growing richer week by week from their finds in a fabulous opal strike.

How rich they are is their own secret. And the comparative comfort of their homes is equally hidden. The homes and even the store and post office of the little camp are in caves or dugouts. The desert heat, which often reaches 125 degrees Fahrenheit, helped to drive them underground, and the lack of wood in the barren country sped the process.

Unlike the lusty, noisy gold camps, the opal diggings are quiet. Opal miners are individuals—taciturn, secretive, unsocial. There is no liquor and little gambling. The men prefer to sit in their caves and polish their opals.

The new strike was made early in 1946, near some old workings where a few miners had been leading a meagre existence. But news of the discovery did not reach the population centres of Australia for several months. And then the report came almost by accident. The miners simply transferred their operations to the nearby field and nothing. They still say more, many more, opals for sale when the buyers come in from Adelaide.

Cooper Pedy is located in one of the bleakest wastes in Australia. Water is so scarce that it sells for about 14 cents a gallon. Its only source is a big underground storage tank to catch the infrequent rains.—Associated Press.

LIQUID OPIUM SEIZED

De Quincey has told of opium eaters, but there are evidently opium drinkers as well.

This was revealed when Sydney Customs men seized quart bottles of liquid opium on the tanker Beekhuysen.

Mixed with 99 parts of water, this drink is described by the initiated as "not bad." But it has "a kick" in it.

The Beekhuysen arrived in Sydney from the Persian Gulf. Chinese crew in a tug went to great pains to conceal the forbidden drug.

Sticks of opium, ready for use, and crude opium in powder form, were also found hidden in dark corners, and even in the steering gear.

Value of the haul—the biggest made in Australia for some time—has not yet been determined.

Divorce Allowed In Poland

The Polish Ministry of Justice has completed codification of the new Polish civil laws, including those which permit divorce in a 10 per cent Catholic country and providing marriage by civil registrar as the only legal ceremony, reports Associated Press.

AMERICANS RESENTED BY HUNGRY GERMANS

With zero weather heightening their mood of despair, German civilians in the past few weeks have begun to show positive signs of resentment against the American occupation.

This is reported by the New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent at Frankfurt, in the US zone.

The word "democracy" has become an object of derision, he says. If a train reserved for American military personnel passes through the city virtually empty while hundreds of Germans wait for their overcrowded trains, caustic comments of "That's democracy," are heard.

When German police and American military police stage routine control raids to check identity papers, they are labelled "Democracy action."

A current saying is: "I'd rather be a well-fed Nazi pig than a starving democrat."

Song Parody. One story in circulation is:—A girl comments: "Oh, how terrible it is that former inmates of concentration camps get extra food rations!" and asks "When is it all going to end?" "Don't worry, daughter," says her mother. "It will last only until they are back in a concentration camp."

It is impossible to avoid a deepening sense of the depression which is gripping German civilians, and the correspondent.

Cold weather and no fuel, ration tickets and no food, promises and no

HUK REPORT SETS STIR IN MANILA

The publication of an exclusive interview by the Associated Press with the hunted Hukbalahap Supremo, Luis Taruc, caused a stir in Manila with Secretary of Interior Jose Zulueta renewing the invitation to the Huk chieftain for surrender.

The Interior Secretary, who is directing a campaign to put down the armed peasant movement, said the door is still open for the Hukbalahaps to return to the ways of peace. He asserted they would be assured of their constitutional rights and "full protection of the law they now challenge."

The Manila Bulletin commented editorially: "When a newspaper reporter can seek out and talk with a man who has slipped through the reinforced fingers of law for months on end, the concentrated efforts of the military police command take on something of a comic opera line."

The paper said Taruc "is appealing once more for public sympathy, with the same kind of apparent sincerity that had been established false on repeated occasions."

The Independent Manila Chronicle said: "The important and pressing matter is the institution of reforms which is the objective of the Huk movement."

"Ever without the Huks, the agrarian problem in central Luzon must be solved, and only reforms can solve it."—Associated Press.

Orders For Canadian Shipyards

Orders for ships to be built in Canadian shipyards total approximately \$110,000,000 as the year 1947 begins, a survey discloses.

Company officials believe the shipyards will be busy for at least two or three years.

France, the Netherlands, Brazil and other countries have placed orders for many ships to be built in Canada, and in addition, Canadian companies have ordered some vessels. The French have ordered \$70,000,000 worth of ships of many types. Latest contracts are for cargo ships and for 140 barges.

Representatives of other countries also have inquired regarding Canadian shipbuilding. Some orders have been refused because the yards are too occupied with contracts already undertaken, says Associated Press.

Representatives of the Ming Sung Industrial Company, of China, which operates a fleet of vessels on the Yangtze River, is negotiating for 12 vessels, 40 lighters, and loading equipment, potentially involving \$12,700,000.

In addition to construction of four 7,500-ton express cargo liners for Brazil, negotiations have been conducted with Argentina and Chile.

Iraq Embassy In Washington

The Iraq Government has announced that the Iraq Legation in Washington is to be raised to the status of an Embassy in reciprocity for similar action taken by the United States with respect to its legation in Baghdad.

It is expected that Ali Jawdat, the present Iraq Minister in Washington, will be designated as the first Ambassador.—Associated Press.

Measuring Sea Depth From Air

The depth of water around the coasts of Europe is being measured by means of aerial photographs taken from Coastal Command aircraft of the Royal Air Force.

Existing charts of certain coastlines were unreliable in their details of sandbanks, reefs and other underwater obstructions, but charts can be rectified quickly, thanks to new methods of charting now in use.

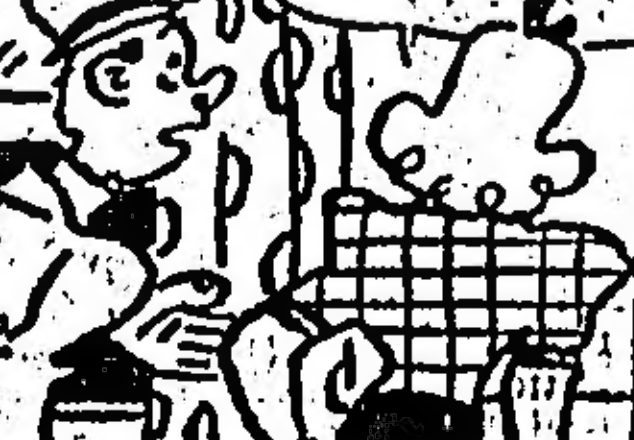
Simultaneous vertical air photographs are taken on panchromatic film by two cameras, one fitted with a red and the other with a green filter. By comparing the two photographs, expert interpreters can state the depth of the water at any point to within three feet, so long as some point of known depth is shown on one of the run of photographs. The reason for this exact interpretation is that coastal sea water has a maximum transparency for green light and a considerably reduced transparency for red light. Objects below the water, therefore, appear much darker with the red than with the green filter.

As a companion to this scheme, infra-red film is also used to ascertain the exact position of the high water mark. On normal panchromatic film shallow water is often very difficult to detect on an air photograph, but by use of infra-red film and filters the water is rendered black on the print and the water mark is thus easy to trace.

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SAUDI ARABIA'S CROWN PRINCE

London, Feb. 19. The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Amir Saud, who is arriving in London tomorrow, will be staying in London as the guest of the British Government, on his way home from the United States. It was authoritatively learned today. The Crown Prince is not coming to London on official business, it was stated. He is expected to stay about a week.—Reuter.

SEES END OF EMPIRE PREFERENCE

Canberra, Feb. 19. Empire Preference is doomed, no matter how much Australia or other food producing countries want to keep it, Dr H. C. Coombs, Australian Director-General of Reconstruction, was reported today to have told members of the Australian Parliamentary Labour Party.

Dr Coombs, Party members said, declared that Britain herself had decided that preference would have to go. Britain had been forced into a position in which she would have to increase her exports by at least 75 percent over her pre-war level. It was impossible for other British Commonwealth countries to provide the markets for this extra output.

The United States was the only market with this absorptive capacity and therefore Britain had to agree to the abandonment of Empire Preference so as to get the United States market.—Reuter.

SUSPECTED ROBBER IN U.S. EMBASSY

Rome, Feb. 19. United States Embassy officials announced today that an Italian, apparently attempting a robbery, had been captured in the Embassy grounds at 3 p.m. after the Marine guards and Italian police had fired 15 shots from revolvers at the man.

An alert Marine guard first saw the man and fired a warning shot. When the Italian sought to escape, other guards and police joined in the fire.

The officials said the man, who was not identified, was turned over to the Italian police for criminal investigation. The police said the case was a matter of "common thievery."—United Press.

TUNISIANS WANT FRENCH ALLIANCE

Paris, Feb. 19. An alliance with France was advocated today by Ben Romdane, president of the Tunisian section of the Grand Council, in a speech at Tunis.

In order to settle problems vital to the country, he said, France was indispensable "as well as an alliance with France," he said. It was announced last December that the Tunisian Grand Council, at present partly elected by limited suffrage and partly by the Tunisian administration, was to be reported by an assembly elected by universal suffrage and composed of French and Tunisians in equal numbers.—Reuter.

MOSCOW ACCUSES U.S. OF MILITARY IMPERIALISM

New York, Feb. 19. Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov has not yet answered United States Secretary of State Gen George C. Marshall's vigorous note in defence of Under-Secretary Dean Acheson, but Soviet criticism of United States "military imperialism," by the maintenance of troops in China and "many other countries" was renewed today by Radio Moscow.

Commentator Anatoli Osipov said the presence of American troops in non-enemy countries is one of the most serious questions in postwar international relations. He quoted former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes as saying that President Truman has gone back on his word that the United States does not seek territorial expansion. Osipov said the United States has troops in Europe, Greenland, Iceland, Australia, South America, the Arctic and the Near and Far East. He said the democratic people of the world can see no justification for the presence of American troops in non-enemy territory.

London, Feb. 19. The American deputy, General Mark Clark, told today's Deputies' discussion of German assets in Austria that the United States had never recognised and would never recognise the legality of many of the Soviet seizures of property in Austria.

He said the United States recognised as binding the character of the Potsdam Agreement, but because of the vagueness of the wording on the subject of German assets in Austria the Deputies must seek a clear definition. He said Austria should be obliged to hand over, in accordance with the Potsdam Agreement and Four-Power decision, property which they agreed should be transferred, but this property should be subject to Austrian law in future.

General Clark said the question of German assets was a crucial factor in Austria's economic recovery, but repeated discussions for nearly two years in Vienna had been fruitless because of the repeated refusal of his Soviet colleagues there to discuss the matter either bilaterally or on the Allied Commission.

He said the United States did not recognise many instances of Soviet seizure of property in Austria because they contradicted the Potsdam Agreement.

The Soviet Deputy, Mr. Feodor Gusev, presenting his draft on German assets, insisted that the question was a political one which involved the separation of Austria from Germany.

The Potsdam Agreement made the position quite clear on this issue, he said, but the Austrian Government preferred not to recognise those decisions, and no steps had been undertaken by Austria for recognition or fulfilment of the Potsdam Agreement since the Austrian Foreign Secretary, Dr. Carl Gruber, officially recognised it before the Deputies.

Gusev did not agree that German assets should revert to Austrian legal jurisdiction or that German assets which were not to go to any of the Allies should go to Austria. This was contrary to the Potsdam Agreement, he insisted.

EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS Clark also insisted that Gruber's recognition of the Potsdam Agreement before the Deputies some three weeks ago was quite adequate. He contended that Gusev's contention that Austria's sovereignty was restricted and tended to give extraterritorial rights within that country, besides, it failed to recognise Austria's right to nationalise property if proper payment were made, altogether that it tended to nullify the setting up of an independent state.

The British proposal on German assets, designed to define them as enterprises owned by Germans on August 2, 1945 or before March, 1938, thus taking in those owned before and following the Anschluss, Clark agreed to in principle. The Russian proposal provided that German assets belonging to the Allies before the Anschluss should revert to them as well as any transferred to Germany afterwards, except where it was forced upon Austrian owners. There was no exact definition of assets. The Deputies, in view of the complexity of the issue, agreed that it should be referred to the Economic Committee and asked for a report back by February 24.—United Press.

COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Feb. 19. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, today by Labour Member Peter Freeman to make a statement on Austria, replied in the House of Commons today that he would bear in mind the possibility of making such a statement, but he thought that the British Government's policy was in general well known to the Austrian Government and public, as it had been made clear on many occasions.

Mr. Bevin added: "The British Government take their stand upon the Moscow declaration of 1943 (on Austrian independence) and members of Parliament will also be aware that negotiations for an Austrian treaty are at present being carried on by the Deputies in London and I hope will be completed soon."

People who have fallen under American occupation regimes voice definite protest against the encroachment of their liberty and sovereignty, Osipov said. Tiny Iceland has been wrangling with America for many months about American troops will be withdrawn.

Osipov said: "The Danish People and their government demand that Greenland be freed from American troops. Brazilian newspaper Tribune Popular declares the return of air bases and the withdrawal of American troops is imperative today for the political and economic independence of Brazil. The same sentiment is echoed by the people of China, Panama and many other countries."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



REPEAL OF CONTROLS

Truman's Message To Congress

Washington, Feb. 19. President Harry Truman today took steps to remove wartime controls in operation because of the "State of emergency" declared by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939. He asked Congress to repeal or amend 100 temporary laws put into effect as the result of the emergency.

In a message to Congress, President Truman said: "The progress of reconstruction now make it possible to take additional steps towards freeing the economy of wartime controls. Accordingly, I am recommending to Congress to repeal certain temporary statutes still in effect by virtue of emergencies proclaimed by the President in 1939 and 1941, and I have requested executive departments and agencies to cease operations under powers derived from certain permanent statutes."

Among the acts which President Truman asked to be repealed is one authorising the disposition of ships under Lend-Lease to foreign Powers.

Also affected are the statutes relating to the arming of merchant vessels and requisitioning of United States-owned vessels.

WANT ACT TO REMAIN President Truman recommends that the Act of 1941 permitting the arming of United States merchant vessels should be continued until June 30, 1948, pending the action of permanent legislation. The President also recommended that the Act of 1942 suspending import duties on scrap iron should be continued in view of the shortage of scrap iron.

President Truman continued: "The recommendations I here present for consideration of Congress will, if accepted, materially assist in further freeing the country of war controls and will help to make possible the early ending of emergencies. I have under continuing study the question of termination of the emergencies proclaimed in 1939 and 1941 and intend to take action as soon as circumstances permit."—Reuter.

FOREIGN DEPOSITS:

Chinese Overseas Not Required To Surrender

Nanking, Feb. 19. Overseas Chinese will be exempted from the Government's order requiring the transfer of foreign exchange deposits abroad to Chinese banks, the Minister of Information, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pei, announced at a press conference today, in commenting on the measures recently promulgated for the stabilisation of China's economy.

This exemption will affect approximately 8,500,000 Chinese nationals living abroad. The measures governing foreign exchange specified that deposits in foreign countries must be transferred to Chinese banks or converted into National Currency at the official rate of exchange.

"Overseas Chinese residing abroad are exempted from this order," Mr. Peng stated, adding that detailed measures are being drawn up to regularise this matter.

Whether the Chinese Government will request the United States or other foreign governments to freeze deposits in their countries belonging to Chinese citizens residing in China is also under consideration, he stated. According to press reports from United States Treasury sources, Chinese deposits in the United States are estimated at over US\$300,000,000. Mr. Peng said, but no reliable figures are available on other countries.

The types of foreign exchange covered by the new regulations are: First, bank deposits and credits; Secondly, telegraphic transfers, demand, sight and time drafts, cheques and notes due within one year or less; Thirdly, government bonds, bills, treasury notes, savings certificates or other obligations due within one year or less; and Fourthly, other negotiable instruments due within one year if they are in foreign currencies.—Reuter.

SERVING AXIS RADIO CHARGE

London, Feb. 19. John Joseph Holland, 39-year-old seaman, who was arrested on an oil tanker at Hull, was charged in London today with entering the service of a German-controlled radio station in Shanghai in February 1942 and entering the service of the Japanese broadcasting system in Tokyo in the same year.

A detective said that when shown a number of documents received from Australia, Holland replied: "These look like some of my broadcasts."

Holland told the magistrate: "I have been in custody practically since the end of the war. In February last year, I was taken by the Australian military forces to an island in the Celebes, where I was placed under open arrest. I had the opportunity for making an escape if I wished. I have a letter from the captain in charge with a statement that was given complete freedom on the island and made no attempt to avoid arrest or to escape."

In June last, Holland declared, he was released by the Commonwealth authorities and offered a passage to Sydney, which he accepted. On arrival, he reported to the security police headquarters. No restriction was placed on his movements. "I went to Western Australia, where I understood I was completely at liberty to do what I wanted. I found it rather difficult to get employment as I had not been in the country for about 12 years. The magistrate intervened to say that Holland would be remanded until March 5, and bail would be granted if he could produce two sureties each of £500.—Reuter.

Byrd Airmen Find More Undiscovered Territory

Little America, Feb. 19. A Navy exploration plane circled the vapour-shrouded cone of Antarctica's only known active volcano, Mount Erebus, on Monday night after a flight through the unknown "backyard" of a high mountain range system which studs the western shore of Ross Sea.

The plane was one of five which took off from the snow-strip of Little America which had been hardened by the temperatures slipping daily below minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit as the Antarctic summer wanes.

Land-based planes explored eastward and southward and are now striking westward, while an unprecedented series of sunny days, which began on Sunday, continues.

The plane flew south-west across the neck of Ross ice shelf at the beginning of a ten and a half hours and 1,550-mile trip. Rising high to get above the weather in front, the plane crossed Queen Alexandra mountain range at a position 60 miles north-west of Beardmore Glacier. Once across the mountains, it entered undiscovered territory.

PHOTOGRAPHS MADE

It turned north and flew a course of 50 miles inland from the ice-covered Ross Sea coast, photographing the "backyard" between the mountains, some of which have been charted by land parties, and the vast plateau of Victoria Land to the left.

Winging approximately 600 miles northward, the aircraft photographed hundreds of mountains—rugged, reddish-brown rock outcroppings with crags stepping down like terraces into snow-clad basins. The plateau to the left was flat but broken here and there by isolated peaks.

Pilot Lt. Erwin Spencer said: "One of the most amazing things I saw were several frozen lakes far inland in valleys between mountains. They were of a beautiful deep green colour. The little round lakes were frozen over with what looked like clear ice."

HIT HIGH CLOUDS

The planes went past the 15,100-foot Mount Markham and other known peaks, reduced their altitude and then, at the end of the northward trek, turned east toward McMurdo Sound between the mountains, but high enough to get over the 13,000-foot Mount Lister. They then hit high clouds and had to climb 14,000 feet with the temperature 40 degrees below zero.

There they contacted the ice-breaker Burton Island, which is now observing the weather in McMurdo Sound.

The black cone of Mount Erebus, on Ross Island, was jutting 1,000 feet above the clouds when Lt. Spencer circled it, checking the altitude which shows on maps at 13,200 feet. The plane computed the volcano's height at 13,500 feet.—United Press.

EMPIRE'S DEFENCE

DECLARED OUT OF ALIGNMENT

London, Feb. 20. Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert declared yesterday that the Empire's defence framework was "somewhat out of alignment" because of troubles in the Middle and Far East.

"On a 1939 evaluation, geographically we are in a bad case," Sir Philip told the Royal Empire Society. "Our parts of the Empire must now be called in to help in re-establishing the framework of our defence, at present somewhat out of alignment."

He said that Britain's proposals to grant independence to India and Burma, the growth of nationalism in Egypt and Palestine "all appeared to militate against an orderly plan of Empire defence."

"Treaties of mutual assistance may emerge in time, but they are not yet signed, and until they are we can do little but await the outcome of the political developments which we have, I think rightly, encouraged in the past," Sir Philip said.

Regarding the aid which he suggested other parts of the Empire might give Britain, the Air Chief Marshal said: "Fortunately for us, the greatly improved performance of modern aircraft makes this possible."—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

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Airmail: Manila, 10 a.m. Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 3 p.m. Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada, 12.30 p.m. Seamount: Swatow, 10 a.m. Manila, 10 a.m. (via Vancouver) 3 p.m. USA, Central and South America (via San Francisco) 3 p.m. Shanghai, 2 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 3 p.m. Canton, 4 p.m. Train: Saturday, February 22

Airmail: Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m. Hongkong, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m. Saigon, London, 3.30 p.m. Canton, Luchow, Kuning, 3.30 p.m. Seamount: Swatow, Bangkok, 10 a.m. Manila, 10 a.m. Straits, 10 a.m. Shanghai, noon. Bombay, 9 p.m. Australia (via Sydney), 3 p.m. USA, Central and South America (via San Francisco) 3 p.m. Manila, 3 p.m. Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, 3 p.m. Straits, 3 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 3 p.m. Canton, 4 p.m. Train: Sunday, February 23

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Peiping Police Arrests

Peiping, Feb. 20.

Stepping up the tempo of the investigation of "undetectable elements" in Peiping, police chief Tang Yung-hsien has rounded up more than 2,000 persons and retained 1,689 under arrest.

Although it was known that recent Communist attack at Tung-hsien, 13 miles east of Peiping, aroused concern, the Generalissimo's Peiping office said the city-wide check-up was not connected with the search for members of the Communist underground.

Tang said the drag-net yielded 1,105 improper, obscure police registrations, 43 "suspicious actions," 176 unaccounted past careers and 176 opium violations.—Associated Press.

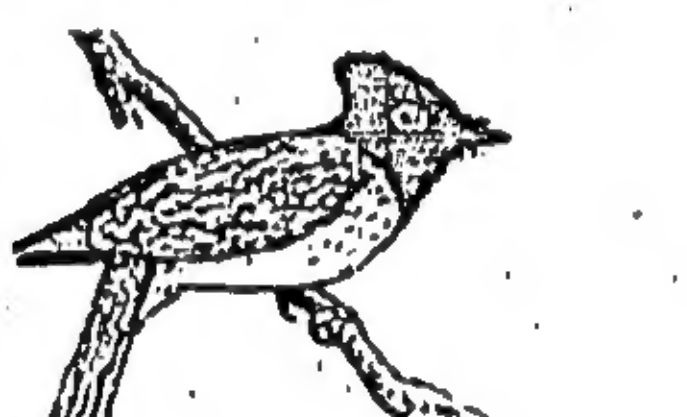
D.P. Repatriation To Be Speeded

Herford, Westphalia, Feb. 19.

The British Government, in a new move to cut down occupation costs in Germany, is to speed up the repatriation or emigration from the British zone of Germany of 270,000 displaced persons and to direct the rest into productive labour on that same basis as Germans, well-informed sources disclosed today.

This decision will mean the virtual end of the "displaced person" status for Poles and other refugees and will place those who remain, after being given an opportunity to leave, under German rations and under the supervision of German authorities.

The British zone's 11,000 Jewish displaced persons will, however, be placed on a different basis, and the British Government's policy is understood to be the development of "cottage industries" for them within their existing camps.—Reuter.



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